

EXHIBIT - SC PFAS LITIGATION ORDER

# The Supreme Court of South Carolina

RE: PFAS Litigation

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## O R D E R

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Pursuant to the provisions of Article V, Section 4 of the South Carolina Constitution, I find that assigning a single circuit judge to dispose of all matters arising out of the PFAS litigation currently pending and to be filed in the state court system will promote the effective and expeditious disposition of this litigation through uniform rulings and will conserve the judicial resources of the parties, their counsel, and the judiciary. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that the Honorable Grace Gilchrist Knie be vested with exclusive jurisdiction to hear and dispose of all PFAS litigation cases. Judge Knie shall decide all pretrial motions and other pretrial matters, including appropriate scheduling deadlines and admission of counsel *pro hac vice* pursuant to Rule 404, SCACR, arising out of the PFAS cases filed in the state court system. Judge Knie shall have jurisdiction in all circuits in the state to dispose of all pretrial matters arising out of the PFAS litigation and may schedule such hearings as may be necessary at any time without regard as to whether there is a term of court scheduled.

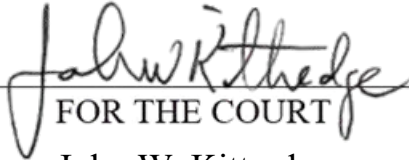
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that for administrative purposes and convenience, upon the filing of a new action involving PFAS litigation, the clerk of court shall notify Judge Knie, via email, of such filing within five business days. This notification shall include the case caption, including the docket number, as well as the name of the attorney or party signing the pleadings. Judge Knie shall then direct the clerk of court as to the preferred method for transmitting the pleadings and additional filings to her office.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Judge Knie shall have jurisdiction to issue case management orders directing the consolidation of certain pretrial matters within the PFAS litigation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this is not a consolidation for trial purposes. At the conclusion of all pretrial matters, any party may move to have

trial ready cases transferred to the trial roster of the court of original jurisdiction or the court of appropriate venue for trial. Judge Knie shall preside over the trials of all PFAS cases.

This order shall remain in effect until amended or rescinded by the Chief Justice.

  
\_\_\_\_ C.J.  
FOR THE COURT  
John W. Kittredge  
Chief Justice of South Carolina

Columbia, South Carolina  
August 14, 2024